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As a computer user and owner of a small business, I believe Microsoft should not be allowed to supply software to public schools as a means of settlement. This would obviously proliferate their monopoly, and further stifle competition in the computer OS market.

There monopoly causes problems for my business and me personally. Because of the Microsoft monopoly, there is a lack of consideration for other operating software and platforms. Security holes, breaches of computers can all be attributed to the proliferation of Microsofts operating system.

If a software monopoly can thrive in a digital age, then there will be more digital attacks. Because of Microsofts monopoly, a single computer user can literally shut down the entire internet with viruses aimed at one operating system.

Their gateways within the Internet specifically the Microsoft exchange hinders sending email attachments. Further more, they have been able to proliferate their Operating System by NOT shutting down software piracy. If the company was willing to stop piracy as they say, then there OS would not be able to become a the monopoly they seek.

Piracy will only become an issue once they have 100% market share and control of all gateways and access to the internet not allowing others access. Once 100% market saturation occurs, they can shift to a business model that requires users to pay for their own data by locking out users who do not wish to subscribe and upgrade to their Operating System.

If the Justice Department is informed as they think, then the break up of Microsoft as Jackson had determined is the right solution.